

A storage system, for covering advantages of the "In band method" and the "Out of band method", while complementing disadvantages thereof with each other, comprising: an external storage device having storage data and storage operating data for operating the storage data; a host computer being connected to the external storage device, on which an application is able to operate; and a storage operating server, being connected to the external storage device and the host computer, and having a storage operating server program therein, for obtaining the storage operating data from the external storage device, wherein the application operates the storage operating data through the storage data server program.